Brownfield Redevelopment Utilizing HUD Resources

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What is a Brownfield?

A brownfield is an abandoned, idled or under-used real property where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by the presence or potential presence of environmental contamination.

Brownfield Projects



2006 Statewide Brownfields Conference



Primary HUD Resources

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds
- Section 108 Loan Guarantees
- Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI)

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- HUD awards annual allocations directly to:
 - ◆ Metropolitan Cities
 - **◆** States
 - Urban Counties

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds

- FY 2006 CDBG appropriations
 - ◆\$3.7 billion nationally
 - ♦ \$70,895,355 for Indiana (includes \$31,543,515 for non-entitlement communities)

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds

- 1998 legislation passed to include brownfields as eligible CDBG activity
- Eligible brownfields activities
 - ◆ Environmental cleanups
 - ◆ Economic development activities

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds

- Brownfield activities must meet one CDBG national objectives
 - ◆ Benefit low/moderate income persons
 - ◆ Prevent or eliminate slums or blight
 - Address conditions immediate threat to health and safety of community

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds

- Brownfield activities
 - ◆ Incorporate into local government priorities
 - ◆ Incorporate into HUD's Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan

- Financing tool for CDBG-eligible communities
 - Undertake economic development, public facilities, and other eligible large-scale physical development projects
- Authorizes HUD to guarantee notes issued by CDBG-entitlement and non-entitlement units of local government

- Inspires private economic activity
- Provides initial resources
- Provides confidence needed to invest in distressed areas

- FY 2006 Loan Guarantee Authority –\$135 M
- Loan Benefits
 - ◆ Can transform small portion of CDBG
 - ◆ Can pursue major physical/economic revitalization projects
 - ◆ Can renew entire neighborhoods

- Principal security for 108 loan
 - ◆ Pledge of current and future CDBG allocations by local governments
 - ◆ Escrow of funds
 - ◆ Additional collateral

- Section 108 loan applications
 - ◆ Up to five times the public entity's latest approved CDBG entitlement amount
 - ◆ Maximum repayment period –20 years
 - ◆ Loan structured to match needs of project and borrower

- Activities must meet one of three CDBG program national objectives
- Eligible activities include:
 - ◆ Economic development
 - Acquisition of real property
 - Rehabilitation of publicly owned real property
 - → Housing rehabilitation

- Construction, reconstruction, or installation of public facilities
- Related relocation, clearance, and site improvements

- ◆ Payment of interest on guaranteed loan and issuance costs of public offerings
- ◆ Debt service reserves

- Application Submission Requirements
 - ◆ No specific applications forms
 - ◆ Contact HUD CPD representative for assistance

- Key competitive grant program administered by HUD
- Stimulates and promotes economic and community development
- Designed to assist cities with redevelopment of brownfields sites in economic projects

- ◆ Can be used to enhance security or improve viability of a Section 108 project
- ◆ MUST be used in conjunction with Section 108 loans
- ◆ Eligible activities same as cited for Section 108 loan

- BEDI Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA)
 - ◆ Published in the Federal Register 3/8/06
 - ◆ Application deadline 6/14/06
 - ◆ \$10 million available for grant awards
 - ◆ Maximum award \$1 million per project

- Minimum ratio of Section 108 loan to BEDI grant is 1 : 1
- BEDI and Section 108
 - Fund same economic development project

Summary

■ IMPORTANT... Indiana does not permit CDBG funds to be used for Section 108 loan guarantees..... So, BEDI and Section 108 are not resources for non-entitlement communities

Summary

■ HOWEVER... Indiana does administer a Brownfields Program with a portion of its CDBG funds

Resource Information

- Program Information
 - ◆ www.hud.gov
 - ◆ HUD Field Office
 - ◆ (317) 226-6303, x5293